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Office Action Summary

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A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 September 2007.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 10/09/2007.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) Other: _____.

RESPONSE TO AMENDMENT

1. This communication is responsive to the amendments and/or remarks received on September 10, 2007.

Claims 1 and 14 have been amended.

Claims 1-20 are presented for examination.

References in applicant's IDS form 1449 have been considered.

The New Grounds of Rejection

2. Applicant's amendment and arguments have been fully considered, however they are deemed to be moot in view of the new grounds of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1-20, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by

Anderson et al U.S. Patent No. 5,850,388.

5. As to claim 1, McBride teaches a method for analyzing a network, comprising:

processing a data trace captured from the network to determine a network topology (col. 9, lines 16-21 and col. 11, 5-17);

processing the data trace to determine errors in a network conversation (col. 12, lines 7-15);

processing the data trace to determine at least one metric for the network conversation (col. 12, lines 7-15);

displaying an interface screen to the user, the interface screen comprising a graphical topology representation, a determined error representation, and a representation of at least one determined metric (col. 23, lines 28-67).

6. As to claim 2, McBride teaches the method of claim 1, wherein displaying further comprises providing a link in the interface screen wherein a user may select devices in the determined network topology and link to a second display to view errors corresponding to the selected devices (col. 30, lines 26-57).

7. As to claim 3, McBride teaches the method of claim 1, wherein displaying further comprises:

allowing a user to select an analysis duration within the data trace in the interface screen (col. 17, lines 25-31);

processing the trace data for the selected analysis duration to determine a state of each device in the network topology for a predetermined number of intervals in the analysis duration (col. 17, lines 25-31); and

displaying at least one error and at least one metric for the analysis duration (col. 17, lines 25-31)

8. As to claim 4, McBride teaches the method of claim 1, wherein displaying the determined error representation further comprises linking to a detailed error description in a second display when the user selects a particular error (col. 23, lines 58-67).

9. As to claim 5, McBride teaches the method of claim 1, wherein displaying the determined error representation further comprises highlighting a portion of a metric graph that corresponds to a particular error when a user selects the particular error (col. 25, line 58 – col. 26, line 5).

10. Claims 6-20 do not teach or define any new limitation above claims 1-5; therefore, they are rejected for similar reasons.

11. Examiner has cited particular columns and line numbers in the references as applied to the claims above for the convenience of the applicant. Although the specified citations are representative of the teachings of the art and are applied to the specific limitations within the individual claim, other passages and figures may apply as well. It is respectfully requested from the applicant in preparing responses, to fully consider the references in its entirety as potentially teaching of all or part of the claimed invention, as well as the context of the passage as taught by the prior art or disclosed by the examiner.

Applicant's submission of an information disclosure statement under 37 CFR 1.97(c) with the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p) on October 9, 2007 prompted the new

ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 609.04(b). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shawki S Ismail whose telephone number is 571-272-3985. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30 - 5:00. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Saleh Najjar can be reached at 571-272-4006. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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